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AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

From your President-Sandy Becker-Gurnow-July Newsletter

Well, one of our biggest events of the year is over and it was very successful. July 14 was our Car Show, Bake Sale, etc and Thanks to all who donated time and product we cleared over \$1,700.00!

Our August meeting is August 20th at 7 p.m. Our speaker is the one that we had scheduled for January and had to cancel due to bad weather.

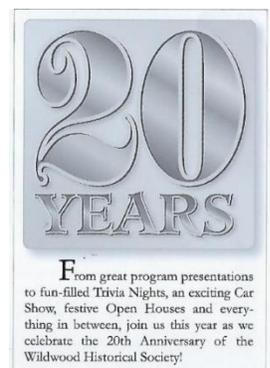
Jan Jacobi will be speaking on Young Lincoln. His book has been well received by a wide range of audiences.

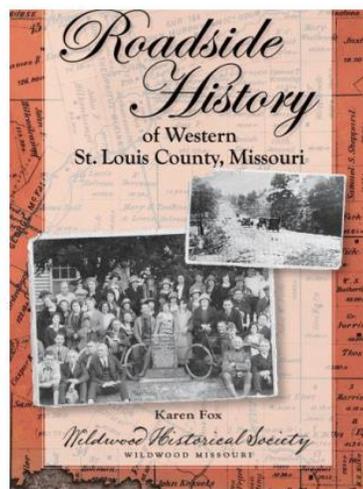
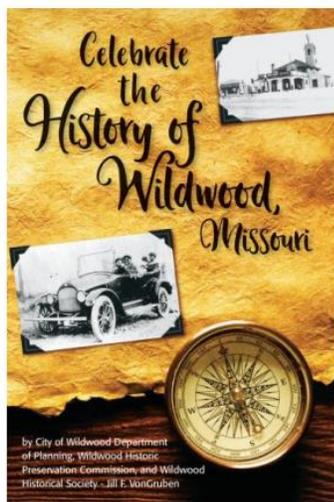
Please come join us and give our speaker a warm welcome to Our Wildwood Historical Society!

Fast on the heels of our meeting is Celebrate Wildwood on August 24. There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting if you can help out that day.

Sincerely,

Sandy





Come Join Us

Saturday, 8/24

Wildwood Town Center

For our upcoming book:

**Before It Was Wildwood:
Roadside History of Western
St. Louis County,
Missouri**

**ANNOUNCING
THE LATEST
CHAPTER:
1920 - 1990**

***CELEBRATE THE HISTORY
OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI
BOOK***

4TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

On Sunday, July 14th, the Wildwood Historical Society had our fourth Car Show, the second that the Society hosted the charity, the Focus Marine Foundation. The weather cooperated (not too hot, no rain) and we had well over 50 exhibit vehicles. The fields were filled with exhibit cars and visitors. Our Museum volunteers (Michelle Walka, Joyce Mercer and Jill VonGruben) answered many questions for our visitors and were busy all day. The lunch menu & bake sale offered in our Meeting Hall were great successes (Sandy Gurnow ran the bake sale). We have so many volunteers to thank from the extensive yard & groundskeeping that occurred in the days leading up to the event (Tom Kelp, Fred Bunch and Dave VonGruben); the food donations; those who worked long hours for days in prepping our buildings (Lynn Link, Lynda Kamp & Jill VonGruben); all who worked that day (Kim Scheels, Maude Poe, Mimi White, Jim, John and Fran Gragnani, and Martha Bunch) and the raffle workers (Lenore & Mike Rich, Gary Bennett, Ben Bunch); and those who took on the cleanup that day and beyond.

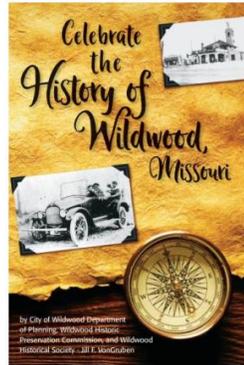


It was a successful event in increasing awareness for those exhibiting cars, our Society and for the amazing work in saving the lives of Wounded Marine Warriors accomplished by the Focus Marine Foundation.

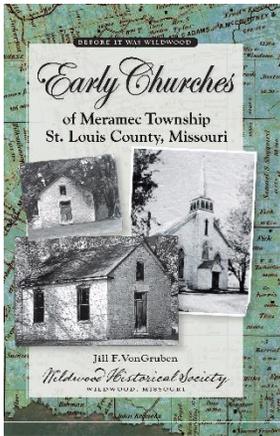
To cap off the day, there was a major surprise for the Wildwood Historical Society. The Focus Marine Foundation presented our Society with a plaque recognizing the Society's work in assisting Focus Marine in increasing the awareness in their mission. They selected Martha Bunch, Museum Director, to receive the award. Focus Marine Foundation also presented their Challenge Coins to Martha Bunch and Jill VonGruben for their roles in preserving and sharing the history and stories of our area's Veterans.



Again, thanks to all who made this day such an incredible success.



We look forward to seeing everyone at the Celebrate Wildwood on Saturday, August 24th. Our latest chapter covers the decades of 1920 through 1990. It has been an exciting research and writing project and we invite you to share it by picking up a copy at our tent or at the City's. See you then!



News regarding the Early Churches book

The St. Louis Genealogy Society has added our book, *Before It Was Wildwood: The Early Churches of Meramec Township* to their bibliographical sources for Churches and Cemeteries.

WHS PROGRAMS FOR 2019

August 20-Jan Jacobi-author of Young Lincoln

August 24 - Celebrate Wildwood - come to our tent for the latest chapter of our Celebrate the History of Wildwood book.

September-17-Marc Houseman-Director of Washington Historical Society talks about Real Ghost Stories from the house he and his wife Tina call home

October 15- Clark Beim-Esche RETURNS- with more stories from his book,"Calling on the Presidents: Tales Their Houses Tell". He was here last August and he has lots MORE stories!

October 18-TRIVIA NIGHT-co-sponsored by Wildwood Historical Society and Ballwin Historical Society

SUNDAY-November 19- 2 P.M.-Christopher Alan Gordon, Writer at the Missouri Historical Society-Fire, Pestilence, and Death : St. Louis 1849 (POSTPONED FROM MAY)

SUNDAY-December 15, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.-CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE-with Appetizers and desserts

Trivia Night

Proceeds benefit

Ballwin Historical Commission
Wildwood Historical Society

- Tables of 8 \$160
- Limited Singles \$20
- 10 Rounds / 10 Questions
- 50/50 Drawing
- Heads or Tails
- Mulligans Available
- Silent Auction
- Bring your own Appetizers
- BEER & SODA Included
- Outside drinks prohibited*



October 18 - Friday

Doors open at 6 ~ Trivia starts at 7

Ballwin Golf Course & Club

333 Holloway Rd
Ballwin, MO 63011

Sign up online at:
www.ballwin.mo.us
Click on Online Registration
Adult Activities

OR

Make check payable to:
City of Ballwin
Send payment to:
Hedy Boone,
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The Watchman and the Advocate county newspapers published news from towns in our area from the late 1800's thru the mid 1950's. The two became the Watchman-Advocate with the merger around 1903.

Editor's note: Articles copied in their original form.

1889.07.19-T44 R3, Social: A selected social gathering took place at the residence of Chas. Paffrath, near Melrose on Saturday, July 13, to celebrate his 81st birthday, the old gentleman now being 80 years of age. A lively conversation was kept up by all present until the party was called to the supper table, which was fairly overloaded with eatables of all kinds, for which credit is to be given to Mrs Tumsteg, Mr. Paffrath's housekeeper. Among those present was Mr. Fred Steines and wife, from Franklin Co., said gentleman is now 87 years old; August Von Gruben and wife, Wm. Bartold, Wm. Kissing and wife, H. Hemten, Sr., Wm Haag, Wm. Lenz and wife, Theodore Tamm, from St. Louis, Michael Bouget, Julius Hardt and wife, Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. Weinreben, and many others. About 10 o'clock in the evening Mr. Paffrath was serenaded by a band of music, which pleased the old gentleman highly. About 12 o'clock all departed for home.

1889.08.02-T44 R3, Crime: Constable Adam Kesselring arrested Allen Anderson and Charles Griffin, near Gumbo, last Monday, on charges of threatening to kill Silas Hughes, on the 25th ult. Anderson plead guilty before Justice Steines, and was fined \$2 and costs. Griffin plead not guilty, and was locked up in the county jail to await the action of the next Grand Jury. Griffin has been out of the Penitentiary only four weeks, after serving a two years sentence for horse stealing. There is also a charge against him of shooting a woman in the face with a shotgun, which caused the loss of one of her eyes. It is most likely that he will be sent back to the Pen to finish learning the trade of shoemaker.